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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Eric N. Olson  
Jeffrey A. Spencer

Serial No.: 09/908,988

Filed: July 18, 2001

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
STABILIZING MICROTUBULES AND  
INTERMEDIATE FILAMENTS IN  
STRIATED MUSCLE CELLS

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: William W. Moore

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2003, to which a response was due on April 28, 2003. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to May 28, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to